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SUBJECT: 44TH TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (TC) SESSION: PRESIDENCY

1. UK MISSIONOFFICER HAS QUERIED US ABOUT OUR INTENTIONS CONCERNING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE 44TH TC SESSION, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE. HE ASKED IF WE WOULD WANT AMBASSADOR MURRAY (UK CHARGE) TO ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY AGAIN. MISSION OFFICER RESPONDED THAT NO FORMAL DECISION CONCERNING OUR INTENTIONS ABOUT THE PRESIDENCY HAS BEEN TAKEN AS YET BUT THAT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THERE APPEARED TO BE NO PERSUASIVE REASON TO MODIFY OUR DECISION LAST YEAR NOT TO ASSUME THE TC PRESIDENCY FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, PRESENT TC PRESIDENT SCALABRE (FRANCE) IS PROHIBITED BY TC RULES FROM SERVING A SECOND CONSECUTIVE TERM. THE SOVIETS HAVE NEVER CHOSEN TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SERVE AS TC PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT.

3. COMMENT: USUN BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD DECIDE NOT RPT NOT TO ASSUME THE TC PRESIDENCY AT THE 44TH
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SESSION OF THE TC AND THAT WE SHOULD IMPLEMENT THAT DECISION, AS LAST YEAR, IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO EXERCISE THAT PREROGATIVE IN THE FUTURE IF WE SO DESIRE. WE BELIEVE THAT WHATEVER TACTICAL ADVANTAGES MIGHT ACCRUE TO US AS TC PRESIDENT WOULD BE OUTWEIGHED BY:

-- THE INHIBITIONS TO OUR FREEDOM OF ACTION
WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM THE NEED FOR OUR STRICT IM-
PARTIALITY IN THE EXERCISE OF THE PRESIDENCY;

-- AWKWARDNESS FOR US IN EXERCISING THE PRESIDENCY
DURING THE 44TH TC SESSION WHEN ISSUES PARTICULARLY
SENSITIVE TO THE USG WILL BE DISCUSSED;

-- UNDERMINING THE CREDIBILITY OF THE TC BY HAVING
A US OFFICER PRESIDING OVER EXCLUSIVELY US CONCERNS;

-- THE POSSIBLE RESENTMENT OF OUR BRITISH AND FRENCH
COLLEAGUES WHO ARE ON RECORD AS CONSIDERING IMPOLITIC
A US PRESIDENCY WHILE THE ONLY BUSINESS BEFORE THE TC
IS THE US-ADMINISTERED TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC
ISLANDS.

4. MURRAY HAS DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY
TO OUR INTERESTS IN THE TC AND A WILLINGNESS TO BE
HELPFUL. ALTHOUGH SCALABRE IS LESS SENSITIVE AND LESS
HELPFUL, WE BELIEVE HIS ASSISTANCE CAN BE OBTAINED
WHEN NECESSARY BY REPRESENTATIONS IN PARIS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUESTED.

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